CLAIMS

1	1.	A swimsuit comprising:		
2		(a) a loop adapted to at least partially encircle a human waist;		
3		(b) a swimsuit body separable at at least one location by decoupling <u>a</u>		
4		corresponding fastening device thereat; and		
5		(c) a storage compartment on the swimsuit body for compactly stowing the		
6		body		
7		wherein the loop is positioned relative to the swimsuit body so that when said		
8		fastening device is engaged, the swimsuit may be worn by a human.		
1	2.	The swimsuit of claim 1 wherein said loop is adapted to completely encircle a		
2		said human waist.		
1	3.	The swimsuit of claim 1 wherein said loop is selected from the group consisting		
2		of (i) a decorative chain, and, (ii) a tubular member.		
1	4.	The swimsuit of claim 3 wherein said chain comprises a material resistant to		
2		corrosion.		
1	5.	A method of removing a swimsuit separable at at least one point by a fastening		
2		device while leaving it attached to a human body, comprising:		
3		(a) decoupling at least one fastening device on a body of the swimsuit;		

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4		(b)	compacting the body of the swimsuit into a small space;
5		(c)	storing the compacted body of the swimsuit using at least one storage
6			compartment on the body of the swimsuit; and
7		(d)	using a loop at least partially encircling the human body for supporting the
8			swimsuit on the human body.
1	6.	The r	nethod of claim 5 wherein the storing of the compacted body of the swimsui
2		using	the at least one storage compartment is performed through an opening at an
3		end o	of the at least one storage compartment.
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1	7.	The n	method of claim 5 wherein the at least one storage compartment comprises
2		two s	torage compartments.
1	8.	A me	thod of making a collapsible swimsuit comprising:
2		(a)	separating a swimsuit body at at least one position;
3		(b)	attaching a piece of material to said body of the swimsuit and defining a
4			storage compartment therebetween;
5		(c)	attaching at least one fastening device to the swimsuit at the at least one
6			separation position; and
7		(d)	attaching a loop capable of at least partially enclosing a human waist to the
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1	9.	The method of claim 8 wherein said loop is capable of completely encircling a		
2		human waist.		
1	10.	The method of claim 8 wherein said loop is selected from the group consisting of		
		(i) a decorative chain, and, (ii) a tubular element.		
1	11.	A swimsuit comprising:		
2		(a) a loop adapted to at least partially encircle a human waist;		
3		(b) a body having a front end and a rear end, the front end having a width		
4		greater than the rear end;		
5		(c) a fastener for detachably coupling the rear end of the body to said loop;		
6		and		
7 .		(d) a storage compartment on the front of the swimsuit for compactly stowing		
8		the body		
9		wherein the loop is positioned relative to the swimsuit body so that when said		
10		fastener is attached, the swimsuit may be worn by a human.		
1	12.	The swimsuit of claim 11 wherein said loop is adapted to completely encircle said		
2		human waist.		
1	13.	The swimsuit of claim 11 wherein said loop is selected from the group consisting		
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2		of (i) a decorative chain, and, (ii) a tubular member.		

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1 14. The swimsuit of claim 13 wherein said chain comprises a material resistant to

2 corrosion.